

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA  
CHARLOTTE DIVISION**

**CRIMINAL CASE NO. 3:01cr178**

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,**

**vs.**

**JAMES EDWARD BYRD, III.**

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**ORDER**

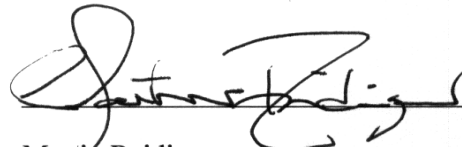
**THIS MATTER** is before the Court on the Defendant's Motion to Release Sealed Documents. [Doc. 249].

The Defendant, through appellate counsel, moves for the release of the Statement of Reasons entered on August 21, 2008 [Doc. 224] for the purpose of preparing the Defendant's brief on appeal.

For the reasons stated in the Defendant's Motion, and for cause shown, **IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED** that the Defendant's Motion to Release Sealed Documents [Doc. 249] is **ALLOWED**. The Clerk of Court is instructed to release the Statement of Reasons [Doc. 224] to the Defendant's counsel. The Statement of Reasons [Doc. 224] otherwise shall remain filed under seal.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

Signed: March 23, 2009

  
Martin Reidinger  
United States District Judge

